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### DRAMA + CURRICULUM = SUCCESS FOR EVERY CHILD

**Workshop Leader: Lenore Blank Kelner**

**For Parents of Elementary Students**

**Time Required: 1.5-2 hours**

**Maximum number of workshop participants: 30**

Acting out stories or creating a living map of our country are fun drama activities, but can they help our children learn? Participants learn the value of using drama in the classroom, and explore how integrating drama into the classroom develops literacy, thinking skills, collaboration, and self-esteem.

LENORE BLANK KELNER is a professional actress, director, author, and educator. Since 1981, Ms. Kelner has directed her own educational theater company, Interact Story Theatre. Interact performs in schools, museums, libraries, and theaters all over the United States. In addition, Ms. Kelner serves as an education consultant to the Maryland State Department of Education as well as school systems and schools nationwide. She has trained thousands of teachers in how to integrate drama into everyday classroom instruction. She has worked with students in all grades levels from Pre K through college. She has written three books on drama and education. Her most recent book, *A Dramatic Approach to Reading Comprehension*, which she co-authored, was published by Heinemann in 2006. She is the recipient of the 2004 Creative Drama Award from the American Alliance for Theatre and Education.